

Amendments to the Abstract:

The Applicant submits the following abstract on a separate sheet:

--A skid assembly for securement to the underside of a freight container, in order to assist the slidable loading and unloading of the container relative to a loading platform. The container has upper and lower corner fittings to enable the container to be clamped to one or more adjacent container(s) and / or support surfaces. The skid assembly is arranged to be capable of extending between a pair of lower corner fittings and to be securable thereto in order to secure the skid assembly to the underside of the container. The skid assembly includes an elongate support having upper and lower support surfaces, the lower support surface being engageable with a loading platform, and the upper support surface being engageable with the underside of the container. A pair of clamping devices are mounted one adjacent to each end of the elongate support and each engageable with a respective one of the pair of lower corner fittings to secure the skid assembly to the underside of the container.--

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A skid assembly for securement to the underside of a freight container, in order to assist the slidable loading and unloading of the container relative to a loading platform. The container has upper and lower corner fittings to enable the container to be clamped to one or more adjacent container(s) and / or support surfaces. The skid assembly is arranged to be capable of extending between a pair of lower corner fittings and to be securable thereto in order to secure the skid assembly to the underside of the container. The skid assembly includes an elongate support having upper and lower support surfaces, the lower support surface being engageable with a loading platform, and the upper support surface being engageable with the underside of the container. A pair of clamping devices are mounted one adjacent to each end of the elongate support and each engageable with a respective one of the pair of lower corner fittings to secure the skid assembly to the underside of the container.